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1. It was reported on 20 October that four well equipped Soviet divisions, mainly motorized infantry and light artillery, recently arrived in Hungary from Rumania. These are quartered at Miskolc and in the Matra Mts. The armored troops are located near Debrecen, the heavy artillery in Kecskemet and Kiskun Felegyhaza. Personnel of the Danube fleet and pioneer units are in Baja and Szeged. There has been extensive requisitioning of billets for the Soviet troops in Veszprem, Hajmasker, Zalaegerszeg, Pecs, and Kaposvar. All the troops described above reached Hungary via Rumania, and are reported to be well disciplined in their relations with the population.
2. There are also indications that the Hungarians are preparing to mobilize new classes and reservists. The Hungarian armed forces are now estimated at 90,000 but should reach 120,000 by the end of the year. The Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier is being fortified.
3. Early in November there were large transfers of troops and materiel including tanks (T-34) and artillery from the former Dollersheim training ground to Czechoslovakia. The troops were in battle dress. This movement is estimated at three divisions, including 120 tanks.*
4. It was reported that the following transport proceeded from Goepfritz (R64) to Znaim on 2 November: 50 closed freight cars with troops; 25 special cars loaded with T-34 tanks; 75 cars with assault guns.

Comment: The size of the movement is possibly exaggerated and it could represent in part a shift to winter quarters and the replacement of certain units.

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